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Final Environmental Impact Statement for Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico, 2017-2022 Oil and Gas Lease Sales 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 259, and 261

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is announcing the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Lease Sales 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 259, and 261. The FEIS provides a discussion of potential significant impacts of the proposed action, provides an analysis of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action, and identifies BOEM's preferred alternative.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS is available on the BOEM website at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>. BOEM will primarily distribute digital copies of the FEIS on compact discs. You may request a copy on compact disc, a paper copy, or the location of a library with a paper copy of the FEIS from Mr. Greg Kozlowski, Deputy Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment, at (504) 736-2512 or greg.kozlowski@boem.gov.

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AUTHORITY: This Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Final Environmental Impact Statement is published pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 4231 et seq.), and 43 CFR 46.415.

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